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In re Application of )

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Application No. 09/674,195 )

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For: "NUCLEIC ACIDS OF THE M ANTIGEN )  
GENE OF *HISTOPLASMA CAPSULATUM*, )  
ANTIGENS, VACCINES AND ANTIBODIES, )  
METHODS AND KITS FOR DETECTING )  
HISTOPLASMOSIS" )**RECEIVED  
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Sir:

This Amendment and Response to Office Action filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 is responsive to the Office Action dated June 19, 2003 issued regarding the above-referenced patent application. A request for Extension of Time and appropriate fees is filed herewith.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this response.